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There is wide gap between the public expectation and MTNL ability to delivery shifting takes very long time and is a cumbersome process.

Today over 10 Lac telephones are working under the jurisdiction of MTNL. There is quite a large number of requests for shifting of telephone from one location to another. The OBs against these requests are issued after ascertaining the genuineness of the case. This checking is essential since we get a sizeable number of cases which involve some disputes in the family or the organisation.

Once the OB is issued the telephone is provided at the new location within the stipulated period. However, in a few localities it may not be possible to shift the telephone due to non-availability of spare cable pairs. In such cases, the customers are generally kept informed about the delay.

The third party transfer also costs more than Rs. 500.00.

Similarly third party transfer is now liberalised and does not take long if all the required documents are made available.

Conversion of Metre Gauge From Manmad to Hyderabad

2222. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge line from Manmad to Hyderabad was started;

(b) the progress made so far; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Gauge conversion of Manmad-Parli Vaijnath was taken up in 1974-75. The line from Parli Vaijnath to Hyderabad via Vikarabad was already BG.

(b) and (c) The work has been completed in 1993-94.

Arrest of Wild Animals' Skin Smuggler

2223. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently arrested any wild animals' skin smuggler in Delhi as reported in the newspapers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of the countries in which he has sold/smuggled these skins and from where he brought these skins; and

(d) what action has been taken/or is being taken against him to stop these practices in future to kill innocent wild animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Sansar Chand a notorious illegal trader of wildlife parts and products, was arrested by the Delhi